



Assessment & Accountability Newsletter

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Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be September 5.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

[We've made some big changes to our EDMODO networking site](#)

There's a new group in town within the [EDMODO](#) site and it's designed to encourage networking. This site started with a heavy use and focus on ISAT-related posts.

As a collaboration space for all assessments in the statewide system, we have created small groups within our own network group, so topics can be easily sorted by specific assessments all under the same account.

Look for ***Idaho State Department of Education Assessment and Accountability Networking Group 2018-2019***. **NEW CODE: g37un3**.

Joining is easy. Visit [EDMODO](#) on your phone or computer. Click on the “Join a group” button on the left-hand side and enter the code, [g37un3](#). If you don’t have an [EDMODO](#) account, follow the instructions to create an account and get started. If you have a question about an assessment, post in the appropriate small group.

[Karlynn Laraway](#) is the director of Assessment and Accountability.
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IDAHO READING INDICATOR

Reading Indicator-Legacy

- The final Legacy IRI data has been released and should be accessible through the [Report Card](#) and the [IRI Web App](#).
- Fall, winter and spring Probes are now available for district use on the State Department [IRI Webpage](#). The probes are password protected so please email [Danielle Taylor](#) to get access. **The SDE will not print or ship any materials and districts will not submit data to the state.**

Training Webinars scheduled and ready for registration

SDE will be hosting two (2) different webinars in August (**August 22** from **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** and **August 28** from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**) to help assist **District Implementation Coordinators** (or designee) in training their staff. This will be a Q & A webinar with a representative from Istation available. Please email [Heidi](#) with any questions you or your teachers have about Istation – the new IRI test. After the webinars, a compiled list of questions and answers will be posted.

- [Register for IRI-Q&A on Aug 22](#), 9:00 AM MDT.
- [Register for IRI-Q&A on Aug 28](#), 2:00 PM MDT.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the webinar.

Fall IRI testing dates

- The fall IRI testing window is **August 20 - September 28**.
- To make evaluation of your data simple, districts should test all students in the same month.

- The SDE recommends multiple learning opportunities for students and teachers before the assessment is given. Students should have time to familiarize themselves with the district test administration system, including the headphones, touch screen or mouse and audio features.

Fall IRI training dates for Istation set; invitations emailed

Email invitations were sent this week to District IRI Implementation Coordinators with registration links for the upcoming IRI Istation fall training events. Training will focus on analyzing student assessment results, using the available reports to inform classroom instruction.

- Region 2: Thursday, 9/27, Lewiston
- Region 1: Friday, 9/28, Coeur d' Alene
- Region 6: Monday, 10/8, Idaho Falls
- Region 5: Tuesday, 10/9, Pocatello
- Region 4: Wednesday, 10/10, Twin Falls
- Region 3: Thursday, 10/11, Boise
- Region 3: Friday, 10/12, Boise

Due to availability of space, local education agencies (LEAs) may send up to five staff to participate in fall training. At a minimum, SDE strongly recommends the **IRI District Implementation Coordinator** and **IRI Teacher Training Coordinator** attend this training. In addition to the **IRI District Implementation Coordinator** and **IRI Teacher Training Coordinator**, districts/charters may send additional staff to understand implications on instruction, analyze student results and review other reports.

Sessions will run for four hours in the morning with time after to collaborate with your team and other districts.

LITERACY

We still have about 15 LEAs who have not turned in their 2017-18 **Literacy Expenditure Worksheet**. The 2018-19 funds cannot be distributed until we receive last year's expenditure worksheet. Please complete and send the worksheets to [Danielle Taylor](#) at 208-332-6903 as soon as possible.

SCIENCE

New science standards have been adopted, but the new test, which models how the new standards expect teachers to teach with phenomenon based questions, will not be fully implemented until spring 2020.

So 2018/19 will be a transition year as teachers shift to instructional practices outlined in the standards, but students will be tested with multiple choice questions on the old test representing the old standards in spring 2019.

We encourage teachers to continue the shift of instructional practices in the classroom of the new standards. Contact [Aaron McKinnon](#), (208) 332-6952, for supporting science instruction in your classrooms and [Heidi Arrate](#) if you have questions about the development of our new science assessment.

Examples of **new science items** can be found on the [Idaho Portal](#).

Please reach out to [Aaron McKinnon](#), (208) 332-6952, for more information on the teaching aspect of the science standards.

For more information, contact [Heidi Arrate](#) or call her at (208) 332-6909.
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ISAT

** Please check the ISAT Portal regularly for important messages and dates. All dates for the 2018-2019 school year have been added to the Important Dates page.*

ISAT Comprehensive Assessment System

- Applications on the ISAT Portal are currently open, with the exception of the Assessment Viewing Application which will open soon. You will be able to see data in Air Ways starting August 16.
- All users (adults) logging in for the first time this year will need to change their passwords. Anyone planning on administering assessments this year will need to complete the TA Certification Course, which has been updated for 2018-19.
- For 2018-19, the Teacher Hand Scoring System will be integrated into Air Ways. Training on that system will be available in the near future.
- The Interim Assessment window is open for the 2018-19 school year.

Important Dates

August 14 – Air Ways open: you can begin to view Interim Assessment Data for new assessments given in 2018-2019 on August 16.

August 16 – TIDE: only able to create new rosters for 2018-19 at this time, no longer accepts changes for 2017-2018.

If you need technical assistance uploading students, users or rosters, please email the [Idaho AIR Help Desk](#) or call 844-560-7365.

For more information, contact [Nancy Thomas Price](#) or call her at (208) 332-6988.

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IDAHO ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

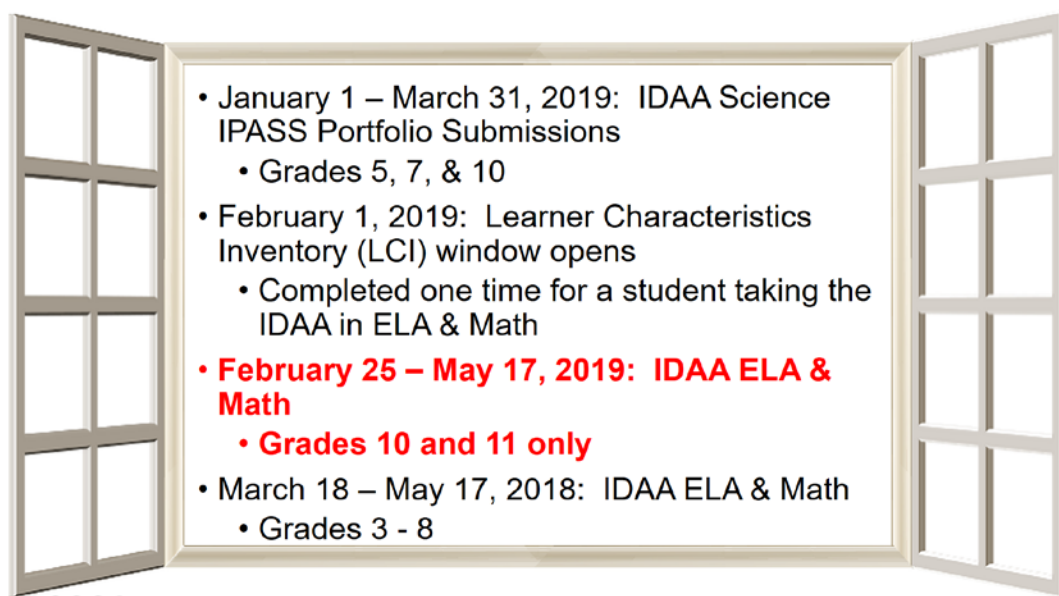
New Acronym – IDAA

We have added a new acronym to your alphabet soup. The acronym IDAA (Idaho Alternate Assessment) is replacing the ISAT-Alt acronym. It will take a little while to change this verbiage everywhere.



High School IDAA ELA & Math

We recognize the confusion associated with students taking the IDAA in ELA and Math in the 11th grade, when all other high school students take the ISAT in ELA and Math in 10th grade. However, it makes sense to have all students participate in statewide assessments in the same grade. In this transition year, qualifying high school students will take the **IDAA in ELA and math in both grade 10 and grade 11**. To ease the burden of administering the IDAA in ELA and Math in two high school grades, the test window for this group of students will open early. See the IDAA testing schedule below.



If you have any questions about alternate assessments, please email [Karren Streagle](#) or call her at (208) 332-6824.

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COLLEGE BOARD

[PSAT/NMSQT School Day: October 10, 2018.](#)

This is an optional assessment for 10th graders with the state paying for all public high school sophomores who participate.

[PSAT Student Registration Update](#)

PSAT registration will be via bulk file upload. College Board will send the file template to pass along to District Test Coordinators and/or counselors. You will fill in required fields and submit the file directly to College Board with all eligible 10th grade testers.

College Board will send detailed instructions, including a code to access the PSAT bulk registration system, week of August 20.

[How to stay on top of College Board deadlines and tasks](#)

- Ensure your site has informed SDE of your school's PSAT contact(s). This May, an email was sent to all building principals asking them to designate a school PSAT contact. Confirmation letters were then sent to PSAT point of contacts. This is a newer way to

gather assessment contacts, but assures we are communicating with the correct staff person at each school.

- If you are new to your role, be sure to set up a College Board Educator account. collegeboard.org

Consider attending a College Board Counselor Workshop: Free and coming soon!

2018 workshops focus on:

- AP® Program updates and changes
- SAT® Suite of Assessments and SAT School Day opportunities
- Fee waiver policy program enhancements and student benefits
- Enhancements to the K–12 Educator Score Reporting Portal
- Register for the workshops, select Idaho which will show multiple dates and locations

Stay on top of deadlines and assessment updates

- Join [EDMODO](#). Join code: [g37un3](#).
- [Subscribe](#) to the Assessment & Accountability Newsletter

WIDA

With new student registrations, the WIDA Screener is in full use and WIDA created several quick guides to use as you navigate and refresh your memory around the screener itself. Please use the linked PDF resources and feel free to share widely.

Training and certification

Re-certification is not required for WIDA Screener if completed last year. ACCESS 2.0 certification will be required this school year. If you are a new staff member, certification for any assessment including Screener must be completed prior to administering.

[Quick Guide to Screener Online](#)

[Technology Readiness for WIDA Assessments](#)

[WIDA Screener Resources](#) (right hand column of this page are Free Webinars/Trainings on Screener)

New to your role or wanting a refresh on EL processes including assessment?

Consider joining one or several boot camp webinars hosted by our English Language Department:

[EL Boot Camp Registration](#)

Coming soon: Assessment specific modules for screener and general WIDA navigation. Good for new staff and/or anyone heading up training for new staff.

The Idaho State Department of Ed EL Program will be providing a 10-part live webinar series this fall 2018. Each webinar will specifically focus on a unique EL topic and cover general knowledge of the topic, ESSA/ESEA compliance, and guidance. Credit will be available for participants who complete 10 webinars and corresponding activities associated with weekly webinar topics.

- **Week 1:** Identification and Screening of ELs
- **Week 2:** EL Foundations (OCR, EEOA)
- **Week 3:** Title III and ESSA
- **Week 4:** LIEPs and Staffing
- **Week 5:** EL Data Reporting
- **Week 6:** ELPs, Instructional Supports, and Accommodations
- **Week 7:** Exiting and Monitoring ELs
- **Week 8:** ELs in Statewide Assessments and Accountability
- **Week 9:** Parental Rights and Involvement
- **Week 10:** EL Potpourri

Attendance is not required for all 10 webinars unless you are taking the entire series for credit. Individuals not taking the series for credit may register for only those that pertain to them, but still must use the webinar series registration link above. All registrants will receive weekly emails with that week's upcoming webinar link.

If you have questions, please contact [Melanie Jones](#) or call her at (208) 332-6933.
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NAEP WILL COLLECT DATA ABOUT COURSE TAKING PATTERNS

The National Assessment of Educational Progress will not only be looking at Reading, Math and Science this year. In addition to these subjects, the National Center for Educational Statistics is collecting data about high school graduates' course taking patterns. This project is known as the High School Transcript Study (HSTS). High Schools selected for Reading, Math, and Science will also participate in the HSTS. More details are coming in the fall mailing to be sent out before Friday, August 24.

If you have any questions, please email [Paul Kleinert](#) or call him at (208) 332-6957.

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SEPTEMBER'S MONTHLY ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY WEBINAR

Our next webinar will be **September 12**, at **10:00 AM MST**. If you haven't joined us for a webinar, you'll hear timely updates from the test coordinators concerning deadlines and changes that you'll want to know. Please register for the webinar at our [GoToWebinar](#) webpage.

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If you have any questions, please contact [Vickie Holbrook](#) or call her at (208) 332-6877.
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